GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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Forest Villages
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Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of tribal dominated forest villages/habitations and their population in the country at present, State/UT-wise;

(b) the number of such villages converted into revenue villages so far, State/ UT-wise;

(c) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to convert all the forest villages/habitations in the country into revenue villages and the time by which it is likely to be done, State/UT-wise;

(d) whether the Government has any proposal to ensure that forest dwellers have the right to farming in the forests across the country and if so, the details thereof;

(e) the number of persons given ownership right so far under the rules framed by the Government for settlement of tribals in the forests, State/UT-wise; and

(f) the number of complaints received by the Government for non-transferring of ownership rights to the tribals during the last three years and the current year and the action taken by the Government thereon, State/UT-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS
(SHRI JASWANTSINH SUMANBHAI BHABHOR)

(a) The number of Forest Villages, total population in the forest villages and ST population in the Forest Villages State/UT wise is at Annexure I.
(b) & (c) This Ministry has issued guidelines on conversion of forest villages, old habitations, unsurveyed villages etc. into revenue villages vide letter No.23011/33/2010-FRA dated 08.11.2013. Status of conversion of Forest Villages to Revenue Villages based on the information received from the State Governments is at Annexure-2.

(d) Section 4(5) of the Forest Rights Act, 2006 provides specific safeguards against the eviction or removal of a member of forest dwelling Scheduled Tribe or other traditional forest dwellers from forest land under his occupation till the recognition and verification procedure is complete. The Right to fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition. Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act 2013 also provides special safeguards for Scheduled Tribes with regard to their land rights and livelihood.

(e) As per the information received from various State Governments /UT Administrations upto 31st May, 2016, 17,46,338 titles (17,02,846 individual and 43,492 community) have been distributed. The State/UT-wise details is at Annexure-3.

(f) Complaints are received from time to time regarding implementation of the Forest Rights Act, 2006. The onus of implementation of the Act lies with State/UT Governments which is an ongoing process. Hence, these complaints are referred to the respective State Government/UT Administrations for taking necessary action at their level. This Ministry constantly follows up with the concerned States/UTs and provides support by holding consultations in different parts of the county and clarify doubts whenever required. A list of complaints received and action taken by the Ministry is Annexure-4.

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Annexure- I

Annexure referred to in reply to part (a) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 2456 for 01.08.2016 regarding "Forest Villages".
(Source: Census 2011)

Sl. No.	State Name	No. of Forest Villages	Total Population in the forest village	ST Population in the forest village
1	Jammu & Kashmir	41	82652	56539
2	Uttarakhand	421	187432	2538
3	Uttar Pradesh	89	44178	1523
4	Sikkim	51	3691	893
5	Assam	897	765098	329445
6	Jharkhand	14	6575	5762
7	Odisha	47	2544	2120
8	Chhattisgarh	658	217123	179423
9	Madhya Pradesh	1165	737837	635671
10	Gujarat	162	38047	29624
11	Maharashtra	73	81675	80181
12	Andhra Pradesh	3	341	341
13	Tamil Nadu	736	23125	7764
14	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	169	15693	441
INDIA		4526	2206011	1332265

Annexure-2

Annexure referred to in reply to part (b) & (c) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 2456 for 01.08.2016 regarding "Forest Villages".

Status of conversion of Forest Villages to Revenue Villages as per Forest Rights Act,2006 based on the information received from the State Governments.

S.No	Name of the State	Forest village to Revenue village
1.	Madhya Pradesh	925 Forest Villages to be converted to Revenue Villages
2	Maharashtra	All Forest villages except for 73 Villages in Nandurbar are in the process of conversion into revenue villages
3	Chhattisgarh	421 Forest villages converted to Revenue villages
4	West Bengal	86 Forest villages converted to Revenue villages
5	Odisha	Recorded 22 Forest Villages and unsurveyed habitationsidentified for being converted to Revenue villages
6	Gujarat	Out of total 196 recorded forest settlement, 175 have been identified for conversion to Revenue villages
7	Uttar Pradesh	Out of total 12 recordedforest settlements, 6 have been converted to Revenue Villages.

States No. of Titles Distributed upto 31.05.2016

	Individual	Community	Total
Andhra Pradesh	167,263	2,107	169,370
Assam	35,407	860	36,267
Bihar	222	0	222
Chhattisgarh	347,789	0	347,789
Gujarat	73,163	3,875	77,038
Himachal Pradesh	238	108	346
Jharkhand	41,691	1,434	43,125
Karnataka	8,159	144	8,303
Kerala	24,599	0	24,599
Madhya Pradesh	200,541	23,139	223,680
Maharashtra	106,063	4,187	110,250
Odisha	375,316	5,163	380,479
Rajasthan	35,759	69	35,828
Tamil Nadu	3,723	0	3,723
Telangana	99,486	761	100,247
Tripura	122,528	55	122,583
Uttar Pradesh	17,712	843	18,555
Uttarakhand	0	0	0
West Bengal	43,187	747	43,934
Total	1,702,846	43,492	1,746,338

ANNEXURE-3.

Annexure referred to in reply to part (e) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 2456 for 01.08.2016 regarding "Forest Villages".

State-wise details of titles distributed as on 31.5.2016

Annexure-4

Annexure referred to in reply to part (f) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 2456 for 01.08.2016 regarding "Forest Villages".

S.No.	Name of the Complainant	Name of concerned State	Nature of Complaint	Action Taken
1	Shri Basudeb Acharia, M.P., Leader CPI	Chhattisgarh	Providing patta to the tribal population under FRA, 2006.	Forwarded to State Govt. of Chhattisgarh for taking appropriate action
2	MS. Priya Pillai, Policy Advisor, Greenpeace India	Madhya Pradesh	Non-implementation of FRA in area proposed for diversion for coal mine.	Forwarded to State Govt. of MP for taking appropriate action.
3	Dr. AnandMurai, Ex. Gen. Sec. JPCC & Patron Jharkhand Adivasi Mahasabha	Jharkhand	Charter of demands of tribal of Jharkhand State.	State Government of Jharkhand is requested to take action.
4	Shri K.A. Gunasekaran, Tribal People Council, Tamil Nadu	Tamil Nadu	Non-implementation of FRA.	State Government of Tamil Nadu is requested to take action.
5	Shri R.D. Negi, Kinnaur Van Adhikaar Dharak Kissan Sangh	Himachal Pradesh	Encroachment of the forest land.	State Government of HP requested to take action.
6	Shri Digvijay Singh, Gen. Secretary, AICC	Madhya Pradesh Chhattisgarh	Demarcation of forest land and revenue land in the state.	State Government of MP and Chhattisgarh were requested to take necessary action.
7	Shri Ramesh Nandwana, Coordinator, Jangal Zameen Jan Andolan, Udaipur	Rajasthan	Related to irregularities in the implementation of FRA.	State Govt. of Rajasthan is requested to take action
8	Shri Kishore Kumar Parichha, Vice President, Odhia Kendupatra Karamchari Sangh, Odisha	Odisha	Non-implementation of FRA.	State Govt. of Odisha requested to take action.
9	Shri Anil Garg, Madhya Pradesh	Madhya Pradesh	Non-implementation of FRA.	MoEF and State Govt. of M.P. were requested to take action.
10	Ms. Archana Sivaramakrishnaan, Keystone Foundation	Karnataka	Reg. destroying the honey processing equipment by Range Forest Officer.	State Govt. of Karnataka requested to take action.
11	Shri Sudhir Mungtiwar, President, BJP Maharashtra State	Maharashtra	Decision to seek the evidence in respect of the	

possession of forest land by ST in Maharashtra State State Govt. of Maharashtra is requested to take action.
12 Nikunj Garg, new Darpan Social Welfare Society, Bhopal Madhya Pradesh Wrongly stating of De-notified Forest Land which falls under the scope of FRA, 2006. State Govt. of Madhya Pradesh requested for appropriate action.
13 Sangmitra Dubey, Vasundhara, Bhubaneswar Odisha Plantation being carried out on forest land recognized under FRA State Govt. of Odisha requested for appropriate action.
14. Sh. Karam Ram, Vill. Sirsi, Post and Distt. Hazaribagh, Jharkhand Jharkhand For providing Patta of of 2.05 acres State Govt. of Jharkhand is requested for appropriate action.
15 Sh. Muktilal Ekka and others of vill. Kantapali, Distt. Sundargarh, Odisha Odihas Regarding rejection of claims under FRA State Govt. of Odisha requested for appropriate action.
16 Villagers of Village Gond Binapal, Distt. Kanker, Chhattisgarh Chhattisgarh Non taking decision on the community rights claims State Govt. of Chhattisgarh requested for appropriate action.
17 Villagers of Village Aturbeda, Distt. Kanker, Chhattisgarh Chhattisgarh Non taking decision on the community rights claims State Govt. of Chhattisgarh requested for appropriate action.
18 Villagers of village Peepala, Distt. Pali, Rajasthan Rajasthan Non taking decision on claims submitted under FRA State Govt. of Rajasthan requested for appropriate action.
19 71 representations of different villagers of Ratlam Distt. of Madhya Pradesh Madhya Pradesh Regarding disposing off of long pending claims and objections under FRA State Govt. of Madhya Pradesh requested for appropriate action.
20 Villagers of Village Ishramtnada, Teh. and Distt. Khandava, M.P. Madhya Pradesh Rejection of claims under FRA by Block and Distt. Committee State Govt. of Madhya Pradesh requested for appropriate action.
21 Kamal Kumar, President Forest Right Committee, Karnarthu, Village Fatahar, Distt. Kangra, H.P. Himachal Pd. Non transfer of land for village development State Govt. of Himachal Pradesh requested for appropriate action.
22 Sh. Muktilal Ekka, Village Badgaon, Odisha Odisha Allotment of land under FRA State Govt. of Odisha requested for appropriate action.
23 Villagers of village Khorari Teh. Majhgaon, Distt. Satna, M.P. Madhya Pd. Non-disposing of FRA claims State Govt. of Madhya Pradesh requested for appropriate action.
24 President, Van Adhikar Samiti, Vill. Rajgarh, Distt. Sivani Madhya Pd. For disposing of individual FRA claims State Govt. of Madhya Pradesh requested for appropriate action.
25 Sh. Pushpanjali Satpathy, vill. Patrapalli, Distt. Jharsuguda, Odisha Odisha Non receipt of community right under FRA State Govt. of Odisha requested for appropriate action.
26 Sh. Umeshwar Singh, Coordinator, Hasdeo Arnaya Bachao Simiti, Distt. Korba, Chhattisgarh Chhattisgarh Regarding rejection of community claims of village Ghjatbari, Distt. Sarguja State Govt. of Chhattisgarh requested for appropriate action.
27 Sh. Ghathya, Vill. Sarai, Distt. Khandva, M.P. Madhya Pradesh Rejection of individual claims State Govt. of Madhya Pradesh requested for appropriate action.
28 Sh. Jedu Singh Netam, Gondwana Mahasabha, Ditt. Balaghat, M.P. Madhya Pradesh Reg. approving the Divine Land as a community right. State Govt. of Madhya Pradesh requested for appropriate action.
29 65 applications from different villagers of Ratlam Distt. of M.P. Madhya Pradesh Regarding disposing off of long pending claims and objections under FRA State Govt. of Madhya Pradesh requested for appropriate action.

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